

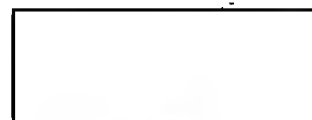
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MEMORANDUM FOR: D/DCI/IC

SUBJECT: State/INR Participation in CIA Project SAFE

1. Harry Eisenbeiss has informed me that a State/INR representative, Mr. Walter Anderson, has recently spent two weeks working in the Project SAFE office in order to gain information on the potential of SAFE for implementation in INR. Harry indicates that he was pleased with Anderson's calibre and competence, and he is inviting Anderson to return to participate in further work sessions in late April and early May.

2. I will continue to keep you advised of progress in this interagency relationship.



Chairman, IHC

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Mr. Morton E. Goulder
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense
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Dear Mort:

This letter responds to yours of 27 March, in which you suggest that "further development activity on Project SAFE be curtailed until the Project Staff has had a chance to more fully acquaint themselves with commercially available packages, as well as related DoD developments."

25X1 I have discussed this with the Project SAFE people in CIA/CRS, and want to pass on the following information. The SAFE staff is working through [redacted] in making a survey of available commercial and academically developed software packages possibly relevant to SAFE. In addition, I am told that they will make an unclassified version of the SAFE "Functions and Processing Requirements" paper available to major U.S. hardware manufacturers for their views on equipment configurations capable of supporting the services envisaged in Project SAFE.

25X1 Moreover, there is a Technical Advisory Panel which CIA has assembled to oversee Project SAFE, consisting of [redacted]

25X1 In addition, there are longer-term CIA consultants, principally [redacted] mentioned above, whose advice is routinely sought to avoid duplication of work already available elsewhere.

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The consensus of these consultants is that SAFE will push the state-of-the-art in computer technology because of its size, complexity, and need for reliability. There is no question that a variety of vendors can supply parts of the system now, but the integration of a variety of packages to achieve the required reliability and response time, and at the volume foreseen is another matter.

25X1 The Project SAFE staff has indicated their interest in receiving additional information relevant to efforts within DoD. Accordingly, I have asked [] Chairman of the USIB Information Handling Committee, to arrange a meeting at an early date among Project SAFE people, Technical Panel members if and when available, and you and such of your staff you consider appropriate. We are interested in insuring that duplication does not occur, and that major projects like SAFE are fully coordinated within the community, once they have been brought to a conceptual stage which is meaningful enough to be addressed.

I trust that this will respond to your concern, and provide for a better feeling of mutual understanding as we move toward improved support for our analysts, community-wide.

Sincerely,

/s/ Samuel V. Wilson

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Lieutenant General, USA
Deputy to the DCI for the
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Dear Sam:

I should like to amplify somewhat my brief remarks of 2 December regarding project SAFE.

I have recently witnessed an impressive demonstration by IBM of several operating and company-supported software packages which appear to provide capabilities similar to that desired by SAFE. I am certain that other manufacturers will offer similar packages. What is most impressive is the fact that this software exists, is available inexpensively, and is fully supported by the manufacturer. The latter point is especially significant in view of the long history of incurring major costs for the maintenance of specially-developed software.

I would recommend that any further development activity on project SAFE be curtailed until the project staff has had a chance to more fully acquaint themselves with commercially available packages, as well as related DoD developments.

If my staff or I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Dear Mort:

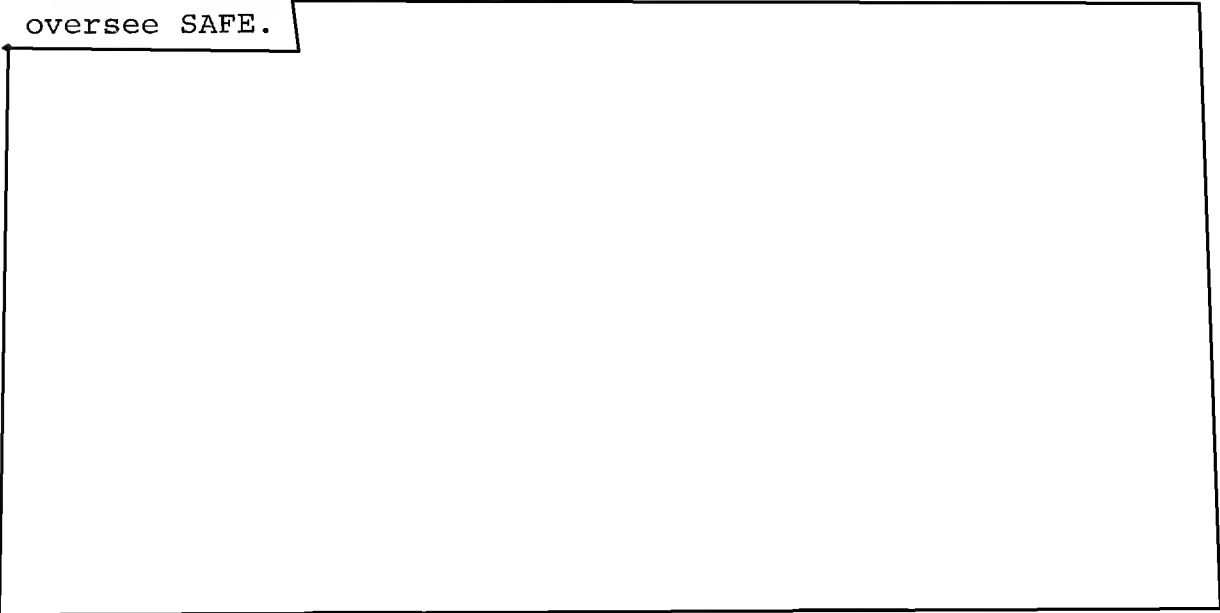
This letter responds to your 27 March letter in which you suggest "further development activity on project SAFE be curtailed until the project staff has had a chance to more fully acquaint themselves with commercially available packages, as well as related DoD developments."

The SAFE staff, through [redacted]

[redacted] is currently making a survey of available commercial and academically developed software packages possibly relevant to SAFE. In addition, either late this month or in early May, an unclassified version of the SAFE "Functions and Processing Requirements" paper will be made available to the major U.S. hardware manufacturers. They will be asked, collectively, to submit their individual views on equipment configurations capable of supporting the services envisaged in the SAFE project. Thus, the project staff seems to have anticipated concern such as you have expressed and that staff has no inclination to rebuild anything that already exists.

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On the other hand, you may be interested in the views of the Technical Advisory Panel that the Agency assembled to oversee SAFE.



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The six have reached a consensus after two sessions of detailed briefings on SAFE: SAFE will push the state-of-the-art in computer technology because of its size, complexity, and need for reliability. They would, however, agree with you that variety of vendors could supply packages to do parts of the job forseen for SAFE. The SAFE risk is in the integration of these packages to handle a large volume of information for a significant number of customers and provide the required response times.

Both I and the SAFE staff would, of course, welcome additional information on DoD projects relevant to SAFE. I have charged the IHC staff with keeping up with such projects and with facilitating inter-Community exchange of information.

Sincerely,

Samuel V. Wilson
Deputy to the DCI for the
Intelligence Community